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FOR VEST FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY FORMER VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER
TO BELGRADE

1. ON AUGUST 16 I RECEIVED A CALL FROM NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S
CONFIDANT AND CHIEF ADVANCE MAN, JOE CANZERI, ABOUT A
POSSIBLE BELGRADE VISIT BY ROCKEFELLER. CANZERI SAID THAT
ROCKEFELLER WILL BE RETURNING VIA HIS OWN AIRCRAFT
FROM TEHRAN, AND IS THINKING OF A ONE DAY "REST STOP"
IN BELGRADE FROM MID-DAY OCTOBER 18 TO MID-AFTERNOON
OCTOBER 19.
2. CANZERI ASKED IF I WOULD OBJECT TO SUCH A VISIT;
I SAID THAT ON THE CONTRARY I WOULD WELCOME IT, BUT
THAT I HAD NO IDEA HOW THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD REACT (IT IS MY VIEW
THAT THEY WOULD LOOK UPON THE VISIT FAVORABLY).
3. I PROMISED TO SEND CANZERI MY THOUGHTS ON A POSSIBLE
24-HOUR PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA, BUT DO NOT WISH TO DO
SO WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.
CONSEQUENTLY, IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, I WOULD
BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO JOE CANZERI, POCANTICO HILLS, TARRYTOWN, NEW
YORK 10591 (FYI CANZERI'S OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER
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IS 914-631-3090);
DEAR JOE:

WITH REFERENCE TO OUR CONVERSATION OF THE SIXTEENTH,
BELIEVE YUGOSLAVS WOULD WARMLY WELCOME EVEN BRIEF VISIT
BY THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER,
AND WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT INSURE STAY MOST ENJOYABLE
AND USEFUL. CANNOT STATE WITH CERTAINTY MEETINGS WHICH

COULD BE SCHEDULED, BUT BELIEVE ONE OR TWO HOUR CALLS ON OFFICIALS OF LEVEL SUCH AS FOREIGN SECRETARY, PRIME MINISTER AND A YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY MEMBER WOULD BE LIKELY. BELIEVE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED COULD BE AS NARROWLY FOCUSED ON BROAD RANGED AS PARTY WISHES. I WOULD OF COURSE BE GLAD TO BRIEF BEFOREHAND ON CURRENT BILATERAL ISSUES. DINNER ON OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH HOSTED BY ONE OR MORE OF OFFICIALS ON WHOM YOUR PARTY CALLS IS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, CSCE WILL BE IN PROGRESS ON SUBJECT DATES AND BRIEFING BY U.S. DEL IF NOT VISIT TO CONFERENCE ITSELF COULD BE ARRANGED IF DESIRED.

BELGRADE'S MUSEUM OF MODERN ART MIGHT BE WORTH A VISIT BY EITHER OR BOTH MEMBERS OF PARTY. (ALL CSCE ARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DISPLAY A FEW PIECES OF THEIR BEST ART THERE, AND WE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY TWELVE SUPERB DE KOONINGS). NAIVE WOOD SCULPTO LIVING CLOSE TO BELGRADE AVAILABLE. THERE ARE TWO VILLAGES NOT FAR FROM BELGRADE WITH NAIVE PAINTERS, AND THERE ARE SOME MODERN ARTISTS IN BELGRADE AS WELL. BUT LITTLE OF LOCAL TALENT IS OF GREAT INTEREST. DAY TRIP USING PARTY'S AIRCRAFT TO DUBROVNIK OR ELSEWHERE ON YUGOSLAVIA'S BEAUTIFUL ADRIATIC COAST IS AN ALTERNATIVE. OR, PARTY COULD DEPART YUGOSLAVIA VIA AT LEAST BRIEF STOPOVER IN DUBROVNIK. IF MRS. R HAS PARTICULAR INTERESTS OR DESIRES FOR
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STAY HERE, PLEASE ADVISE AND WE CAN PROVIDE MORE DEFINITE RESPONSE ON WHETHER BELGRADE OR THE COAST IS A BETTER CHOICE.

IT IS LIKELY YUGOSLAVS WOULD ACCOMMODATE PARTY IN GUEST VILLA IN BELGRADE. IN ABSENCE SUCH AN OFFER, I WOULD INVITE STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION PARTY'S INTENTIONS ASAP, AS SOONER WE KNOW, MORE LIKELY YUGOSLAVS WILL BE ABLE SCHEDULE APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL CALLS.

REGARDS,
EAGLEBURGER

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